



Rosa Parks

A True American Hero

Rosa Parks was arrested in 1955 in Alabama after refusing to give up her bus seat to a white man. Her arrest sparked the modern civil rights movement. Rosa Parks died Monday, October 24, 2005. She was 92.

Rosa Parks was a 42-year-old tailor's assistant at a Montgomery, Alabama, department store when she was arrested and fined \$10 plus \$4 in court costs. That triggered a 381-day boycott of the bus system led by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in December 1956 that segregation on city buses was unconstitutional, giving momentum to the battle against laws that separated the races in public accommodations and businesses throughout the South.

Rosa Parks is the first woman to lie in honor in the Rotunda in our nation's Capitol, sharing the tribute given to Abraham Lincoln, John F. Kennedy and other national leaders.



The actual bus where Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat.



Rosa Parks' arrest photo.



Parks rides a bus after desegregation